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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite 5 percent rise in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the last few years, employment opportunities have gone down; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this phenomenon with the details of GDP and the employment opportunities recorded in the last five years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a & b) No, Sir. Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial National Sample Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey for which results have been published relates to the year 2004-05. As per these surveys, the employment, as per usual status approach which was of the order of 397 million in 1999-2000 has gone up to 459 million in 2004-05. On an average, therefore, around 12.4 million persons were provided employment per year during the period 2000-05 against a target of 10 million per year.